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## Salutatory.

In presenting the first number of the Sentinel, under our management, to our patrons and the public, we beg leave to refer to the prospectus containing an exposition of the plan and purpose of the paper. We are confident that the standard of ideal excellence with which a paper should be conducted; but we have no hope, with the co-operation of our friends, to prove unworthy of the post we occupy. It is scarcely necessary to say that this paper is designed to be, and while we have no doubt, it shall be the firm, unflinching and consistent representative of the Democratic cause in every branch.

## Judge Loring and Higher Law.

On the 16th of February, Rev. Mr. Loring, an amiable and upright gentleman, and a competent instructor, was rejected as lecturer on law in Harvard College. In obedience to his sworn duty, he had acted as commissioner in the rendition of the fugitive Burns. He was sustained, not only by the laws of the United States, but by those of his own State; for the highest judicial tribunal of Massachusetts had recently decided every principle involved in the case. His reward is rejection as a person unfit to teach the science of law. Judge Loring, it is understood, was a pupil of Judge Story, and received his appointment as commissioner from the hands of that illustrious jurist. His rejection is a severe blow to the cause of higher law.

## Our hearts grown faint.

It is not the part of wise men to sit and wait for losses; but to seek cheerfully how to repair them. It is not the part of men, holding the creed of Thomas Jefferson, to doubt the ultimate power of truth, or the ultimate success of Democracy. It is easier to doubt the superintending care of Providence. Our faith in the Democratic party, as the party which unites in itself progress and order, justice and law, we could not lay aside. It is a faith interwoven with the very texture of our souls.

## Sustained by this faith, we have learned to labor, to wait, and to bide our time.

For our merchants and business men, we will endeavor to furnish the earliest and most reliable commercial intelligence, and thereby contribute our part in promoting the enterprise and industry of our country. We know full well that commerce is a grand civilizer of humanity, and a protecting shield to watch over the order and happiness of society. Feeling a deep interest in the events which are occurring in Europe, we shall provide our readers from the files of foreign journals, with more than a mere summary of intelligence. We wish them, in our columns, to be able to feel the throbbings of the great heart of the world.

## To the members of the press, here and throughout the State, we beg to express the cordial satisfaction we feel in being enrolled among the editorial fraternity of Indianapolis.

On many—very many subjects, we are confident we shall co-operate, heart and hand; and even a contest of opinion, when conducted with good feeling and urbanity, must prove not less delightful to the heart than improving to the mind. Our end is the same, though our means are different—we seek the glory and welfare of our common country.

## To the Democratic papers in this State we come not as a rival, but as an ally; not for controversy, but for united action with them.

We will do all we can to promote their circulation, and cheerfully for them the feelings of brotherhood, which belong to soldiers in a common cause.

## To the ladies, whose influence in promoting the patriotism and refinement of our land, no language can adequately describe—should any such design to cast a glance on our pages—

We cannot promise much of our own composition, worthy of their attention. We are aware that for them our paper should be made lively and gossiping, stored with the treasures of the tattling world, and a spice of truth, too.

## At all events, we will provide ourselves with the choice magazines and periodicals of our own country and of Europe; and avail ourselves of the intelligence and best criticism in making selections. In addition, we have made arrangements for literary contributions from some of our best writers in the West.

## We cannot conclude without expressing our sense of responsibility in taking the place of gentlemen of so much experience, energy and talent as Messrs. Brown, Towner, and others.

Whatever three men could do for Democracy has been accomplished by these gentlemen. Political sagacity, high intelligence, accomplished scholarship, and lifelong devotion have been brought to aid the good cause. The country owes them a lasting debt of gratitude.

## Our Name.

The reader will perceive that we have, our paper under its old name, and that we have contemplated at the time of purchasing the Sentinel establishment. The reason for this change of name is simply the solicitude manifested in the matter by the old men of the party, many of whom have so long associated the word *Sentinel* with Democracy; that a change of name, with them, seems almost synonymous with a change of principle.

## We belong to the young Democracy of Indiana, and cherish those ideas of progress which are always consistent with the feelings and sentiments of youth. We set out in the publication of a central newspaper, with a determination to yield to no dictation, to do as we please, and to say what we please;—not in a mere matter of taste, or personal preference, but always yielding to the wishes of our friends—our growing force will always be made with every friend on the beacon lights—the ancient land-marks of Democracy, and with an ear intent to the councils of those veterans whose sound judgment and strong hearts have so often, in times past, carried our party forward to victory and glory.

Persons who have received copies of the prospectus of the *Indiana Times* will please

## Preparations for War.

A class of journals, of which the *New York Tribune* may be considered the representative, are ever ready to oppose all expenditures for the army and navy. Their argument seems to be that a nation, like an individual, if not provided with weapons, will avoid fighting an adversary, who, and that our government can remove the causes of war, by failing to furnish the material for its prosecution.

## The fathered his country, the man who, he

remembered, was "first in peace" as well as the first in war, and who loved peace as ardently as those who motives could be as distinguished as any trade-union editor of this age, was of a different opinion. In his first annual message he used the following language:

"The United States ought not to indulge a passion that, contrary to the order of human events, will forever keep at its disposal the most powerful armaments, with which the history of every other nation abounds. There is a rank due to us, which we must not refuse to accept."

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## Democracy and Nationalism.

Federalism can only be annihilation. Defeated in open fight, it now proposes, by mystery and stratagem, to accomplish what force could never effect.

## The old friend, by pretending to be the

champion of the purity and perpetuity of American institutions, has seduced some unwary and credulous minds; but though the monster comes arrayed as an angel of light, democracy, like the spear of Athina, will disrobe it of its resplendent vestments, and expose it in all its naked deformity. The same party which, in the early period of its existence, signified its benevolent course by the age of the alien and sedition laws, is now, in the name of its integrity, by an insane and unprincipled opposition to the naturalization of foreigners.

## But while we cannot doubt our ultimate

success, it nevertheless becomes us to be vigilant and active. Every true-hearted democrat should rush to the rescue of the good cause. The court-lens of every village, and the hall of every city, every grove of our forests, and every mill-site of our prairies should echo and resound to denunciations against the perfidious designs of the Nationalism.

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